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Today we're going to consider what the Bible has to say about money. This subject is uncomfortable for some. It's not a subject we hear a lot about in sermons or Bible classes. However, the Bible has a lot to say about money.

Many of Jesus' parables involved settings of money

- The prodigal son who wasted his inheritance (Luke 15)
- The rich farmer who planned to tear down his barns (Luke 12)
- The slave who owed his master 10,000 talents (Matt. 18)
- The rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16)



Some of the major issues that affects our soul is directly tied to money matters

- Things such as greed, coveting, materialism, and worry are rooted in wealth.
- Paul warned about those who want to get rich and fall into temptation, and some who have fallen away from the faith over wealth (1 Tim. 6:9-10).
- Financial difficulties is the leading cause of divorce today.

The average American struggles with money

A survey of 5800 people found that 47% could not come up with \$400 if they had an emergency

- Average credit card debt: \$16,061
- Average auto loan: \$25,535
- Average student loan: \$49,042
- Average mortgage: \$172,806
- Average in debt: \$263,444

Compare this with how much the average American is saving:

- 21% have no savings account
- 28% have \$0 in their account
- 9% had the minimum in their account (\$300)
- 13% had less than \$1000 in their account
- 5% had between \$5,000-10,000
- 14% had more than \$10,000
- 71% had less than \$1,000 in their savings account



This is a serious subject. Money can be the cause of worry, stress, fear, greed – and this is not how God wants us to live. If we're not careful, we can lose our souls over money. It's important to consider what the Bible says about our view, pursuit, and use of money.

CONSIDER 3 THOUGHTS ON MONEY WITH 3 WORDS

GOD WANTS YOU TO MAKE MONEY WITHOUT NEGLECTING YOUR SOUL: STEWARDSHIP

- Stewardship is the idea of being a good manager. It is someone who is trustworthy, faithful to handle what has been entrusted to them.
- Stewardship involves understanding our money comes from God (1 Tim. 6:17-19).
- Stewardship involves using money in a way that brings glory to God (1 Cor. 10:31; Prov. 3:9).
- Poor examples of stewardship are like the prodigal who spent all he had, never thinking about the future (Luke 15:14)
- Good stewardship is like Joseph who teaches the importance of saving in good times, so as to be prepared for the hard times.

GOD WANTS YOU TO SPEND MONEY WITHOUT IT DESTROYING YOUR LIFE: GENEROSITY

- Don't think you're better or worse because of what you own (Prov. 22:2)
- Pay off your debts (Rom. 13:8)
- Don't let stuff choke your faith out of you (Luke 8:14)
- Don't just spend only and always on yourself (Prov. 13:22). Look for opportunity to bless others with your wealth (Luke 10:37; Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 6:18)

GOD WANTS YOU TO SAVE MONEY WITHOUT IT CHANGING YOUR CHARACTER: CONTENTMENT

- Money can be a blessing when viewed and used with wisdom (Prov. 18:11).
- Through saving you can bless your family through providing for the future (Prov. 13:22)
- But he who places his trust in money will fall (Prov. 11:22; Matt. 6:24; Prov. 23:4-5)
- Save yet be content – satisfied with what I have. I am not defined by what I own (Luke 3:14; Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6, 8; Heb. 13:5)

The real question to ask: who is possessing who? Do you have your money (and pursuit of it) under control – surrendered to the will of God?

-Jordan Shouse



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